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**AUSTIN MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING THOUSANDS
OF IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 45 year-old Michael Dwayne Green of Austin was sentenced this morning to 78 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Lee Yeakel ordered that Green be placed on supervised release for seven years after he completes his prison term.

On September 27, 2007, Green pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

On June 29, 2007, investigators with the Texas Attorney General Cyber Crimes Unit uncovered more than 3,000 images and movies depicting children engaged in sexual conduct on Green's home computer after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children..

The case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative that encourages the use of multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate and prosecute the sexual exploitation of children online. In Texas, investigative assistance in these cases is provided by the Texas Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which is one of almost 50 federally funded task forces across the country dedicated to this project. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General Cyber Crimes Unit and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Grant Sparks.

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